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OF CORRECTLY FOLDED HETEROLOGOUS PROTEIN IN

INCLUSION BODIES

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Response to Restriction Requirement

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed July 24, 2007, Applicants hereby elect for prosecution the claims of Group I (claims 1, 3-10, 12-17 and 19-26). Further, Applicants elect the species G-CSF. This election is without prejudice to the Applicants' right to pursue the non-elected claims and/or species in a divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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